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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR LUCEY'S CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER ROEL, FEBRUARY 15, 1978

1. DURING THE COURSE OF A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER ROEL, AMBASSADOR LUCEY DELIVERED SECRETARY
VANCE'S MESSAGE WITH REGARD TO THE CUBAN OIL SWAP.

2. AMBASSADOR MADE MENTION OF THE NOTE DELIVERED TO THE
GOM REGARDING AUTO DECREE AND PROVIDED THE FOREIGN MINISTER
WITH A COPY OF THE NOTE AT HIS REQUEST.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED THAT HIS EFFORTS TO REACH
SENATOR BAKER WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. THE AMBASSADOR BELIEVES
THAT IF SENATOR BAKER WERE TO INITIATE A CALL TO THE
FOREIGN MINISTER THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD MAKE A
STATEMENT THAT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SENATOR BAKER.

4. ROEL REPEATED MEXICO'S KEEN INTEREST IN SECURING U.S.
APPROVAL FOR CONCORDE FLIGHTS OVER U.S. TERRITORY EN ROUTE
TO MEXICO. ROEL INDICATES THAT HE BELIEVES THAT THE
FRENCH WOULD LIKE TO DO THIS AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO
BEGIN SUCH AIR SERVICE PROMPTLY. HE REQUESTED ANY ASSIST-
ANCE IN SECURING APPROVAL THAT THE EMBASSY MIGHT PROVIDE.

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5. ROEL EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT HE AND SECRETARY VANCE
WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET IN MAY. IF THE MEETING IS TO BE
HELD, ROEL WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR THE
AGENDA. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM AND
SECRETARY VANCE TO AGREE ON A COMMON REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT
OF MEXICO AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ABOUT THE

FIRST YEAR'S PROGRESS OF THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIVE
MECHANISM. LUCEY

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